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1. Starting 1 January 1953, the price per metric ton for nonferrous metals in ingots, free to shipping station (Versandstation), not packed, is to be as follows: 1

Copper	4,500 DME
Lead	600 DME
Zinc	500 DME
Tin	5,000 DME
Nickel	6,000 DME
Chromium	7,700 DME
Antimony	2,000 DME
Manganese	2,400 DME
Cadmium	17,500 DME
Bismuth	14,000 DME
Cobalt	15,000 DME
Aluminum	2,100 DME
Magnesium	2,100 DME

2. East German Minister of Mining and Smelting Fritz Selbmann was ordered to work out prices for semifinished products and alloys based on the 1953 prices for nonferrous metals; he was also to present to the Council of Ministers for its consideration and action a price law (Verordnung) along with the opinions of the State Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance. The price law and the statements of opinion were to be handed in by 15 November 1952.

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**Comment:** The figures in the above report do not appear to be in line with the cost of production figures quoted in [REDACTED]

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